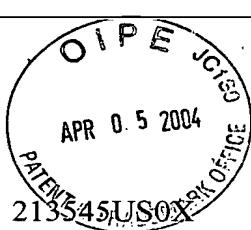


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CORYNEFORM BACTERIA

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.